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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 5805

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR MELISSA WELLS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST BY BRAZILIAN EX-CONGRESSMEN FOR MEETING WITH
AMBASSADOR YOUNG

REF: A. STATE 162578 B. USUN 2249 C. BRASILIA 4971 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME WITH PROPOSED
MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG DESCRIBED REFTTEL A.
WE WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO LEAVE OUR OPTIONS OPEN PENDING
FURTHER INFORMATION ON IDENTITY OF OTHER EX-CONGRESSMEN
SEEKING MEETING.

2. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT AND USUN SHOULD BEAR IN MIND
THAT IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT WORD OF MEETING, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE
QUOTATIONS (OR MISQUOTATIONS) OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS
TO BRAZILIANS, WOULD SOON FIND ITS WAY INTO BRAZILIAN
MEDIA. MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE AGAINST BACKGROP OF RECENT JUNE
30 CASSATION OF MDB CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES LEADER ALENCAR
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FURTADO (BRASILIA 5504) AND CONTINUED DEBATE WITHIN MDB OF
DISSOLUTION OF PARTY AS ONLY HONORABLE COURSE LEFT TO IT
IN FACE OF CONTINUED GOVERNMENT EMASCULATION OF ITS
EFFECTIVENESS (BRASILIA 5623).

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, LYSANEAS MACIEL WAS CASSATED IN
FEBRUARY 1976. HE HAS LONG BEEN OUTSPOKEN NOT ONLY IN DEFENSE

OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT ALSO HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH HE BELIEVES BRAZIL IS CONTROLLED AND EXPLOITED BY FOREIGN (ESPECIALLY US) INTERESTS.

4. WE HAVE JUST SEEN REF B NOTING THAT AIRTON SOARES IS MEMBER OF GROUP ORGANIZING MEETING. SOARES IS WELL-KNOWN TO MISSION AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND MEMBER OF THE AUTENTICO (I.E., "RADICAL") WING OF THE MDB. EMB AND CONGEN SAO PAULO OFFICERS HAVE FREQUENT CONTACT WITH SOARES, WHO IS OFTEN CRITICIZED BY ARENA CONGRESSIONAL COLLEAGUES FOR HIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES AND CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN CASSATED, HOWEVER. REFERENCE TO RECENTLY CASSATED DEPUTY IN REF B MAY BE TO FORMER DEPUTY MARCUS TITO WHO WAS CASSATED JUNE 14 (REF C) FOR READING INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SPEECH CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT WHICH INCLUDED PASSAGES EXTRACTED FROM MANIFESTO IN THE CLANDESTINE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCB) PUBLICATION VOZ OPERARIA.

5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE DEPARTMENT AND USUN, IN CONSIDERING PROS AND CONS OF AGREEING TO MEETING REQUESTED BY BRAZILIANS, SHOULD BE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY HAVE IN MIND BROADER DOMESTIC POLITICAL OBJECTIVE THAN MAY APPEAR ON SURFACE, AND COULD, IN FACT, BE SEEKING TO INVOLVE USG DIRECTLY IN CURRENT MDB PROBLEMS WITH GOVERNMENT.
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